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H.E. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary General
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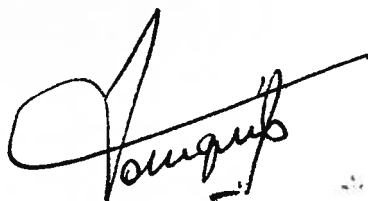
Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that Solvay Group supports the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption, which match our company's values and policies.

We therefore express our willingness to advance those principles within our sphere of influence. We are committed to making the UN Global Compact and its principles part of the strategy, culture and day-to-day operations of our Group. Solvay will make a clear statement of its commitment as to inform all stakeholders and the general public.

We support public accountability and transparency – and therefore commit to report on progress within one year of joining the Global Compact, and annually thereafter according to the Global Compact COP Policy.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jourquin', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Christian Jourquin
Chairman of the Executive Committee